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Equal and Exact Justice to all Men
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ligious or Political.—Thomas Jefferson.

A NEW USE FOR PENSIONS.

We have just read with painful interest a recent debate in Congress on Pension Appropriations participated in by Mr. CHEADLE, of Indiana, Mr. CLEMENTS, of Georgia, Mr. PETERS, of Kansas, and others which discloses a determination to deplete the Treasury for pensions that bodes no good for the tax-payers, presents the pension question in a new and novel phase, and shows a new use for pension appropriations. Mr. CHEADLE opened the discussion by advocating a service pension law by which every man who served sixty days in the Union army will be entitled to a pension. He declared that he would oppose every material reduction of the revenues except upon sugar (which is about the only protected article raised in the South) until all the ex-soldiers should have received a pension. To do this, he said, would only cost \$648,000,000—"a mere song," so to speak. He concluded with "The veterans demanded it; national honor required it; national gratitude called for it." Mr. CLEMENTS, of Georgia, whom we know to be a patriotic and truly national in spirit, at this juncture rose and asked the speaker why COMMISSIONER TANNER had been requested to resign. This was a stunning question, and the reply was that an answer would involve going into detail. Mr. CLEMENTS, finding that he had his opponents on the "hip," kept up the fire and declared that while he favored just appropriations to the soldiers, the country was not in a condition to increase the taxes in order to grant pensions. To prove that the people were already staggering under the burdens of taxation, he quoted the utterance of the Farmers' Alliance in Kansas who in their distress were appealing to Congress for some aid. Mr. CLEMENTS, continuing, said that he had read an article in the Washington Post which purported to be an interview with Congressman FUNSTON, of Kansas, in which that gentleman advocated increased pensions in order to relieve the poverty and depression of the farmers in Kansas. The Post said:

"Representative Funston inclines to the opinion that more liberal pension laws would put more money in circulation, and hence have a tendency to BOOM PRICES and materially assist the farmers. This view is coincident with Congressmen PETERS and PERKINS."

Commenting upon this statement Mr. CLEMENTS was particularly strong and satirical, and held up the Kansas gentlemen—statesmen so-called—to ridicule. We make room for one extract from his cutting speech:

Now, Mr. Chairman, that is a new idea in favor of pension legislation, that it is to "BOOM" KANSAS or to "boom" any other section of the country. My idea was that pensions were granted to the soldiers for their services, sacrifices and necessities, not that they were to be given to "boom" prices in any particular locality, a thing which cannot be done without depressing prices in some other locality. BUT THE "BOOMING" IDEA IS A NEW ONE IN CONNECTION WITH PENSIONS.

Mr. PETERS couldn't keep his seat under this fire and he said that the word "boom" was not used by the representative, but by the newspaper. But he did not deny that he and his colleagues were advocating increased pension appropriations because they thought it would "boom" the interests of Kansas.

We thank Mr. CLEMENTS for bringing the truth out. It may not stop the current that is depleting the treasury and keeping the tax-payers poor, but it will let the people into the animus of the increased appropriations. With the light thrown on the people can applaud or rebuke as they see fit.

There never was a time in the history of this country when the agricultural interests were so depressed or the farmer received so small a return upon his labors and his investments. This depression exists not alone in Kansas. It is seen in Vermont where farms are deserted, it blights homes in Ohio which are covered by mortgages, it brings sadness in North Carolina and in Kansas alike. It is everywhere, and its blight is upon town and country. The farmers are organizing and seeking to discover the trouble, and to remedy it. In their perplexity, and in their poverty, come the Kansas Republican members, who say: "We have studied this question. We see the needs of our constituents. They need more money. The way to make times easier and money plentiful, is to increase the pension appropriations," and at once they urge the increase on the ground that it will "BOOM" Kansas. And

these are statesmen. These are the men who are chosen to legislate in the interests of the people. When the great cry goes up: "We are starving," they offer as the panacea, "Increase the pension appropriations." Their plan is to help the people by taxing them. Never before did men in high station so openly declare their lack of statesmanship, and their little and contemptible sectionalism. The Farmers' Alliance is after the scalps of such representatives. We hope, for the sake of the country, they and their honest-fellow toilers, whether farmers or mechanics, or doctors or lawyers, will be successful in retiring such gentlemen to the shades of obscurity.

"Boom Kansas" is their argument. The farmers in Mississippi may starve and the farmers of Vermont, who did not happen to be in the war, may die of despair, but these Kansas statesmen will "boom Kansas." Poor-houses may be crowded in other sections of the country; men may lose hope, curse God and die, but PETERS & Co. will "boom Kansas." Widows and orphans in thirty States may be taxed until their pinched faces speak the poverty their lips refuse to tell, but PETERS & Co. will "boom Kansas," regardless the fate of all others. Does not Kansas elect them to Congress? and enable them to draw \$5,000 a year? If it is not their business, and their only business, to "boom Kansas," then, in the language of FLANNAGAN of Texas, may they ask each other: "What are we here for?"

Let the "booming" go on! Let the taxes increase! Let rich men be pensioned! Let farmers and others die, after unavailing struggling with obstacles. Let the South get even lower in the dust. Let the Grand Army like a mighty juggernaut crush out every interest and every hope under its ponderous wheels. The morning will dawn. Light will break. Right will finally triumph and the long oppressed people will rise and with one voice cry out for an administration and a policy that will protect the weak, put its strong arms around the falling, and "endear with equal and patriotic love every foot of our soil, every State of our Union."

THE SCOTCH-IRISH CONGRESS.

Last year the Scotch-Irish citizens of America organized in Columbia, Tenn., the "Scotch-Irish Society of America." Its objects are, 1. To write a history of the Scotch-Irish, who were the first to declare independence of Great Britain, so that their children may be educated in the great principles and achievements of the race; 2. To promote closer social relations among members living in all parts of the country, thereby binding them together in strong bonds of friendship.

The second annual Congress will be held in Pittsboro in May. Delegates are expected from all sections. If one should take out from American history the achievements of the Scotch-Irish, he would take away many of its best and brightest pages. This is especially true in North Carolina, where the most signal and greatest act of the Scotch-Irish race was witnessed when the men of Mecklenburg signed the Declaration of Independence. They have occupied high positions and been foremost in patriotic deeds.

The CHRONICLE hopes that North Carolina will be largely represented in the approaching congress, and that an invitation will be extended to meet in 1891 in Charlotte—on the famous sight of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration. The whole State would join in the invitation, and making the stay of the visitors full of pleasure and interest.

REPUBLICAN HYPOCRISY.

[Greensboro North State, Rep.] The Greensboro North State is not a very good humor about the defeat of the Blair bill. It is not what was expected from a Republican Senate that had twice before voted favorably for the same bill. What makes this action of our noble Republican Senators look somewhat perfidious, is the fact that when they passed the bill there was no hope of getting it through a Democratic House of Representatives. Now, that a Republican House is anxious to give the people National aid for education, the Senate takes the back track, and disappoints the whole country. What has become of the Chicago platform? Can it be possible that Congress is blind to the fact that the masses know that the platform pledged the party to the passage of the Blair bill and repeal of the Internal Revenue laws—particularly the tobacco tax?

THE MONEY QUESTION.

The opening of new and richer, or the use of improved means for extracting the metals may cheapen money. The value of money, like that of any other commodity, is also affected in short periods by fluctuations of supply and demand.—Prof. Francis Wayland.

It is cheaper in Kansas for the farmers to burn corn than kerosene oil. It is no wonder that they are protesting against their Senators devoting all their time to the so called race problem while they are in poverty and distress. With such hard times we are not surprised that the farmers of Kansas should say: "The people believe that the white citizens of Kansas have some rights as well as the colored citizens of the South."

Bob INGERSOLL says he expects to smoke as long as he lives, and the Atlanta Constitution adds that after that the Colonel will likely sizzle.

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(Staff Cor. STATE CHRONICLE.)

WINSTON, N. C., April 3.—A committee of the Chamber of Commerce, consisting of Mr. H. E. FRIES, and Prof. W. A. BLAIR, have been for some days gathering the facts and figures pertaining to the growth and trade of Winston-Salem. The information obtained by this committee is from actual records, and not from exaggerated or inflated statements.

In addition to the many startling facts embraced in our former letter, we give the amount paid out here to the wage-workers. This fact was determined today, after a very careful investigation of the subject. The total amount per annum amounts to the "sum little sum" of \$897,258.98. Amount per month, \$74,771.59. Average per day, \$2,875.84.

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